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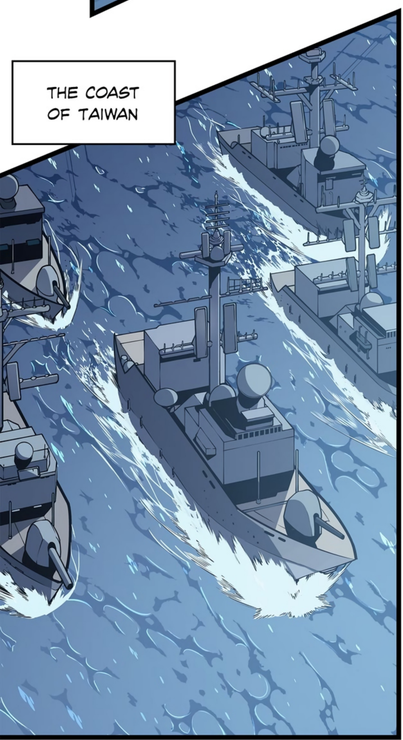


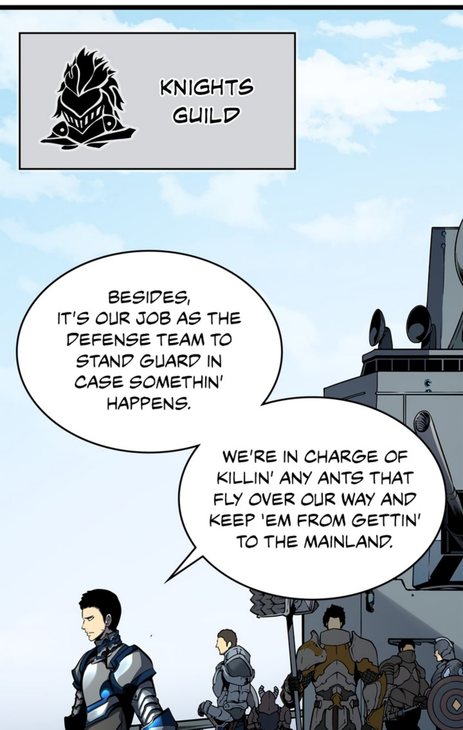
THE COAST NEAR JEJU ISLAND

TWO *SEJONG THE GREAT*-CLASS DESTROYERS, TWO KDDX-CLASS DESTROYERS, FOUR *CHUNGMUGONG YI SUN-SIN*-CLASS DESTROYERS,

ONE *KANG GAMCHAN*-CLASS DESTROYER, AND 12 FRIGATES WERE ALL DEPLOYED TO THE NORTH OF JEJU ISLAND.

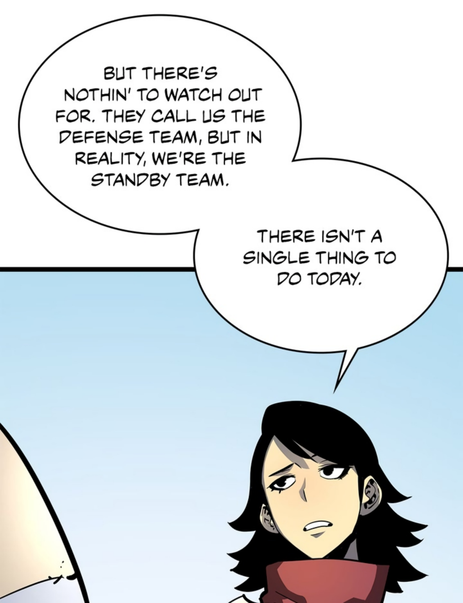
IT'S TIME TO START BRACIN' YOURSELVES.
THE ANTS MAY HAVE CAUGHT ON BY NOW. THEY COULD COME FLYIN' AT ANY MOMENT.

SIR, DO YA RECKON OUR STRATEGY WILL WORK ON THE ANTS?
WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE TRY.


KNIGHTS GUILD
BESIDES, IT'S OUR JOB AS THE DEFENSE TEAM TO STAND GUARD IN CASE SOMETHIN' HAPPENS.
WE'RE IN CHARGE OF KILLIN' ANY ANTS THAT FLY OVER OUR WAY AND KEEP 'EM FROM GETTIN' TO THE MAINLAND.

I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU, SIR...! I, JUNG YOONTAE, WILL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!

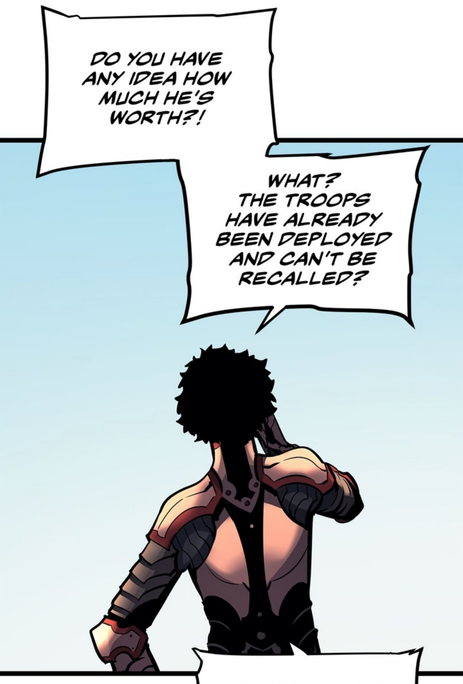
WELL THEN, MAKE SURE YOU WATCH OUR BACKS.


BUT THERE'S NOTHIN' TO WATCH OUT FOR. THEY CALL US THE DEFENSE TEAM, BUT IN REALITY, WE'RE THE STANDBY TEAM.
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE THING TO DO TODAY.

ALL OF OUR GUILD MEMBERS ARE ON DECK, SO AS VICE GUILD MASTER, WHY DON'T YOU RUN THROUGH SOME TACTICAL DRILLS WITH THEM?
NOW HOW WOULD I DO SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT? "VICE GUILD MASTER" IS NOTHIN' BUT A TITLE, YA KNOW.

OUR GUILD WAS ABLE TO GROW THANKS TO YOUR GREAT MANAGEMENT.
YOU NOT ONLY CAME UP WITH THE SYMBOL FOR OUR GUILD, BUT YOU WERE ALSO THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OUR ACTIVITIES.
I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE, BECAUSE I SUCK AT MANAGEMENT.
I'M NOT FEELIN' GREAT ABOUT SENDIN' YOU OUT THERE, BUT MAKE SURE YA GET BACK HERE ALIVE IN ONE PIECE.

FAME GUILD


DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH HE'S WORTH?!
WHAT? THE TROOPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEPLOYED AND CAN'T BE RECALLED?
THEN TELL HIM TO FIND COVER AND STAY HIDDEN!

MEANWHILE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION, THE HUNTERS OF EACH GUILD WERE DEPLOYED TO THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND.

NICE, I CAN SCORE SOME BROWNIE POINTS FOR BEING HERE.
FIEND GUILD
LEE MINSUNG
(A-RANK)

THEY WERE STATIONED THERE BECAUSE PRECAUTIONS HAD TO BE TAKEN. EVEN IF THE RAID WERE TO SUCCEED, THERE WAS STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT THE REMAINING MUTANT ANTS WOULD INVADE THE MAINLAND.
HUNTERS GUILD
SON KIHOON
(A-RANK)

STRIKE SQUADS WERE STATIONED TO DEFEND NATIONAL TERRITORY, AND EACH PARTY CONSISTED OF A B-RANK LEADER, THREE C-RANKS, AND MORE THAN 10 D-RANKS AND E-RANKS.

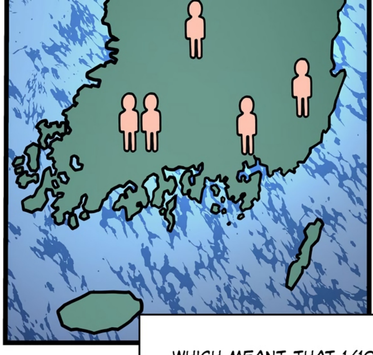
WHITE TIGER GUILD

LEE JOOHEE (B-RANK)

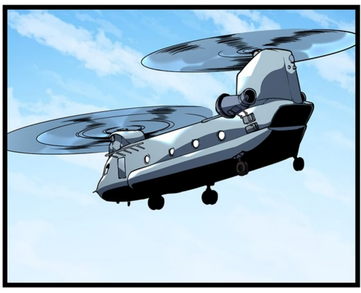
SONG CHIYUL (C-RANK)

EVEN RETIRED HUNTERS JOINED THE FIGHT, ALONG WITH THOSE WHO HAD AWAKENED BUT CHOSE NOT TO BECOME HUNTERS.

THERE WERE 5,000 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS,



WHICH MEANT THAT 1/10 OF THE 50,000 AWAKENED BEINGS IN SOUTH KOREA HAD JOINED THE FIGHT.

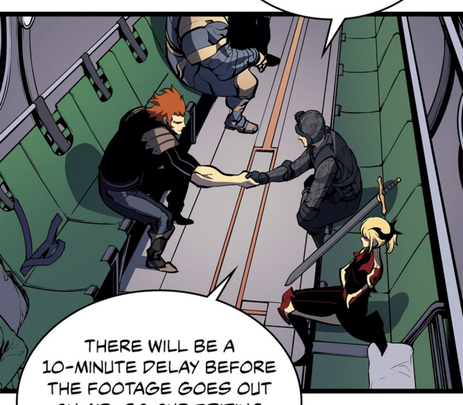


I'M A CAMERAMAN FROM A NEWS AGENCY THAT SPECIALIZES IN REPORTING ABOUT HUNTERS.

JUST AS MY JOB TITLE INDICATES, I FILM HUNTERS IN ACTION.

THIS RAID IS GOING TO BE BROADCAST LIVE NATIONWIDE.

OH, BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE RATING.



THERE WILL BE A 10-MINUTE DELAY BEFORE THE FOOTAGE GOES OUT ON AIR, SO OUR EDITING TEAM WILL BE FILTERING THINGS OUT DURING THAT TIME.

I CAN'T BELIEVE A CAMERAMAN IS ACCOMPANYING US ON SUCH A DANGEROUS MISSION.

WHAT ON EARTH WAS MR. GO THINKING...?

A TRULY SUCCESSFUL HUNTER IS ONE THAT HAS SOMEONE TO PROTECT.

HOWEVER, YOU STILL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF OUT THERE, MR. CAMERAMAN.

YES,

NOT TO WORRY. I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT I'M STILL AN A-RANK HUNTER.

DESPITE HAVING THEIR HUNTER'S LICENSE, THERE ARE MANY AWAKENED INDIVIDUALS WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE BECAUSE THEY DISLIKE RAIDS.

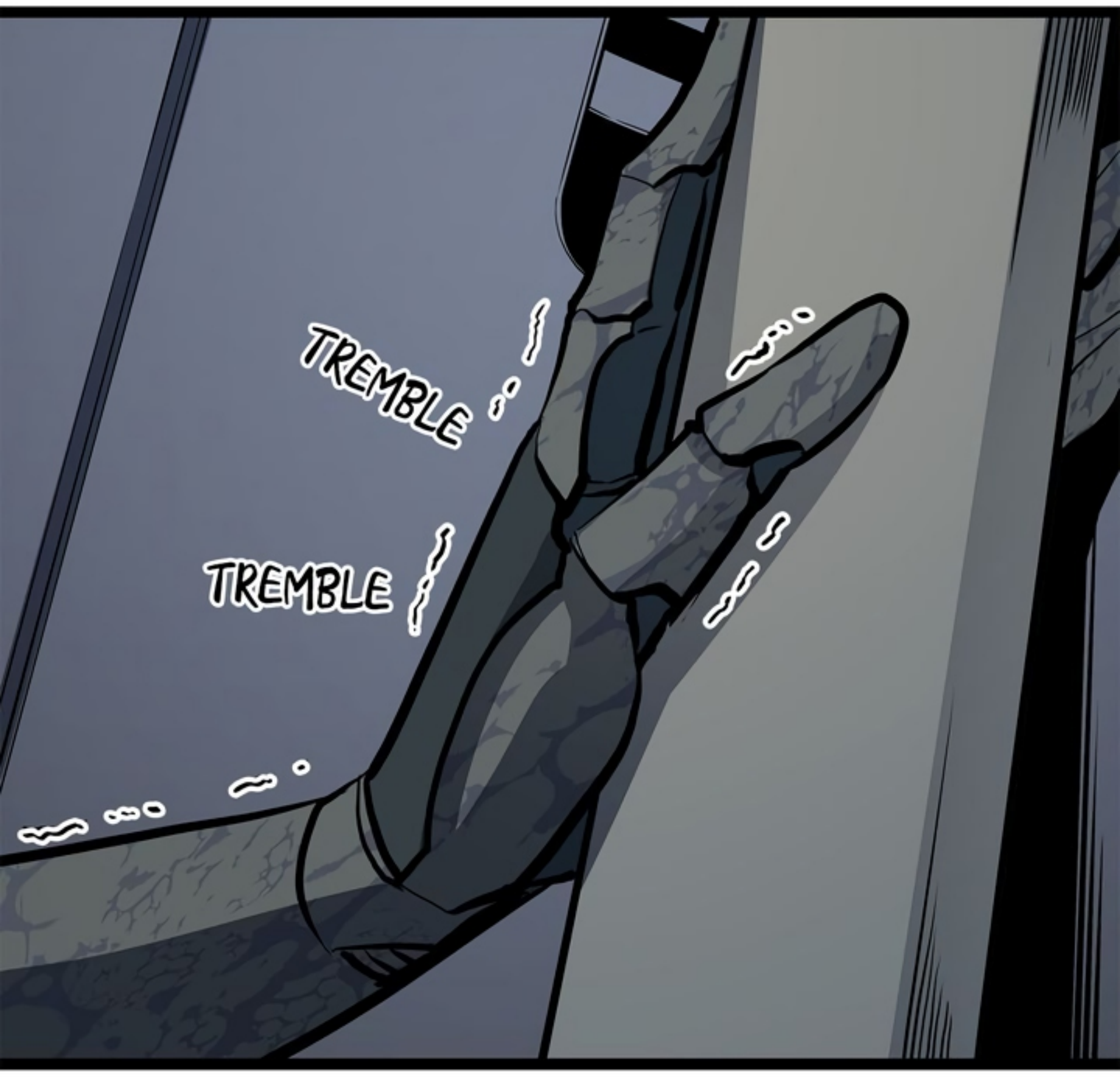
THE CAMERAMAN, WHO HAS AN A-RANK HUNTER'S LICENSE, WAS ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

I BASICALLY HAVE TWO PROFESSIONS.

THIS ISN'T MY FIRST TIME GOING TO A DANGEROUS FILMING LOCATION.

I WAS EVEN SENT TO COVER A FEW DUNGEON BREAKS...

BUT OF COURSE...
I'M NOT QUITE SURE
HOW HELPFUL MY PAST
EXPERIENCES WILL BE
THIS TIME AROUND.



DON'T BE SO NERVOUS.

THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION PROBABLY LET A CAMERAMAN ACCOMPANY US BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THIS FOURTH RAID HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING.

TH, THANK YOU.

GOOD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST AND LAST TIME CIVILIANS WILL GET TO WITNESS AN S-RANK RAID.

PLUS, WE'VE ALREADY FAILED THREE TIMES BEFORE IN JEJU, SO EVERYONE WILL BE EAGERLY WATCHING.

LET'S MAKE SURE TO SHOW THEM A CLEAN VICTORY.

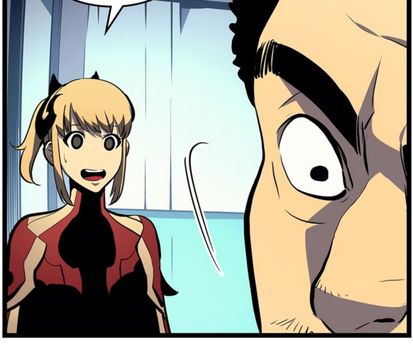
REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, IF WE FAIL THIS MISSION, THE COUNTRY OF SOUTH KOREA COULD BE WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH...
THE WORLD IS IN DIRE NEED OF HEROES RIGHT NOW.
ON A SEPARATE NOTE...
BYUNG-GU, I NEVER THOUGHT

I'D SEE YOU
HERE.

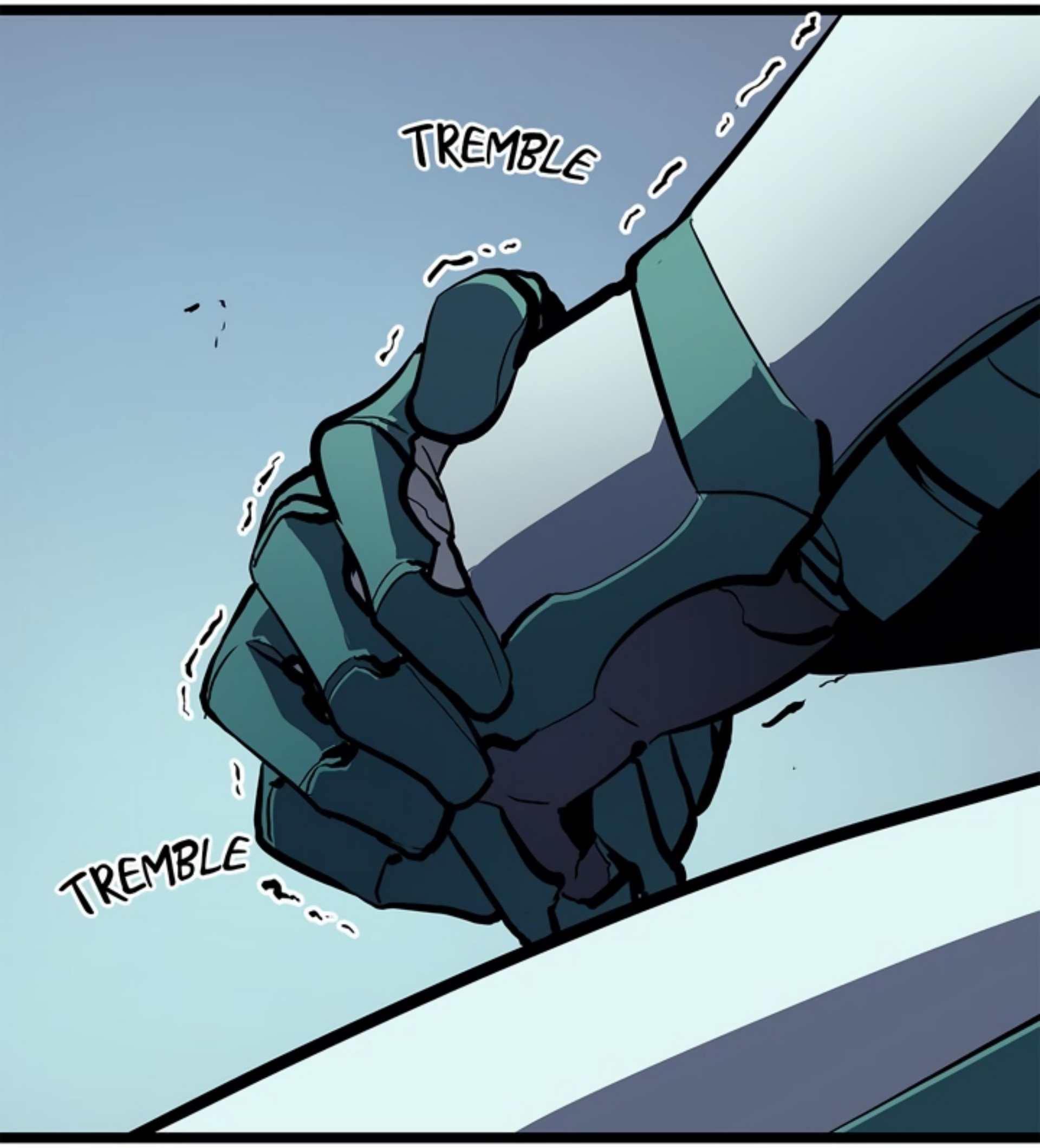
I JUST FELT LIKE YOU'D BE THE FIRST TO DIE WITHOUT MY HEALS,
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU POUNCE EVERY TIME YOU SEE A BEAST.
HEHE
HAHA
"POUNCE"?! WHO, ME?!

HEY, MR. BAEK. DID YOU HAPPEN TO MEET WITH SUNG JINWOO BEFORE COMING HERE?
NO. WHY DO YOU ASK?

AH... NO REASON.



HAHA, LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.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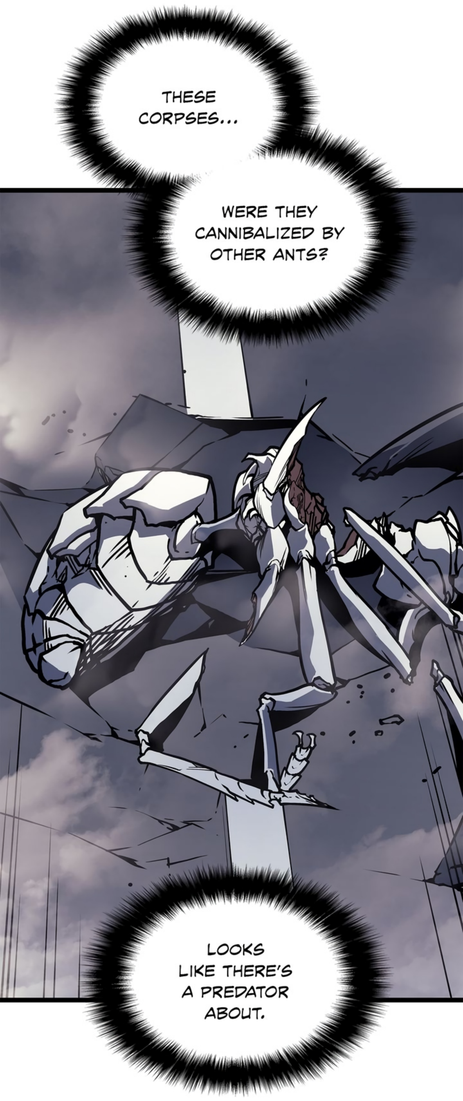
SO THIS USED TO BE JEJU CITY, HUH?

IT'S A COMPLETE GHOST TOWN NOW.


THESE CORPSES...
WERE THEY CANNIBALIZED BY OTHER ANTS?

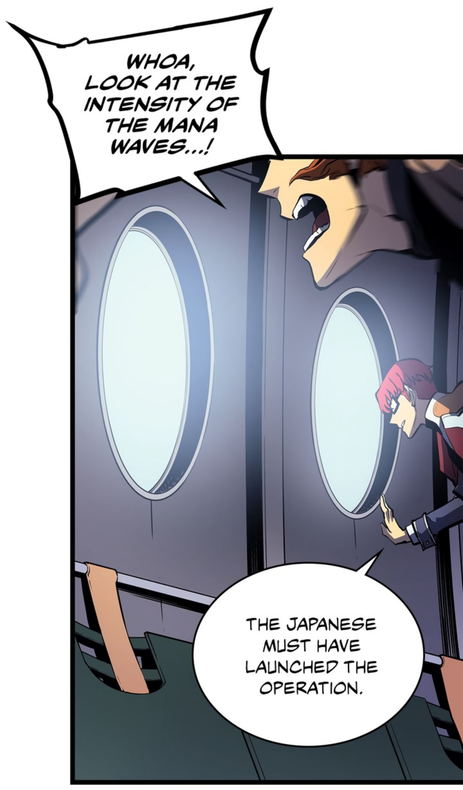
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A PREDATOR ABOUT.

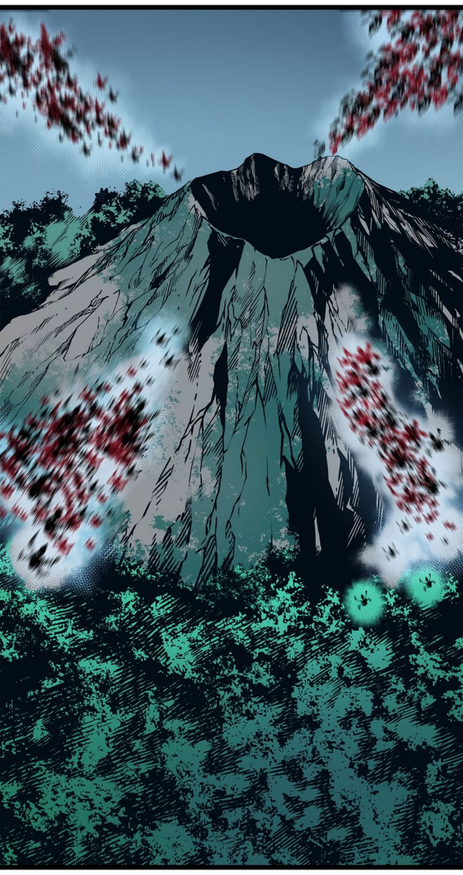
THIS IS A-ALPHA SPEAKING.

REQUESTING
ROLL CALL,
OVER.

B-BRAVO, OVER.
C-CHARLIE, OVER.
D-DELTA, OVER.
EVERYONE,

OPEN THE FLOODGATES.


WHOA, LOOK AT THE INTENSITY OF THE MANA WAVES...!
THE JAPANESE MUST HAVE LAUNCHED THE OPERATION.



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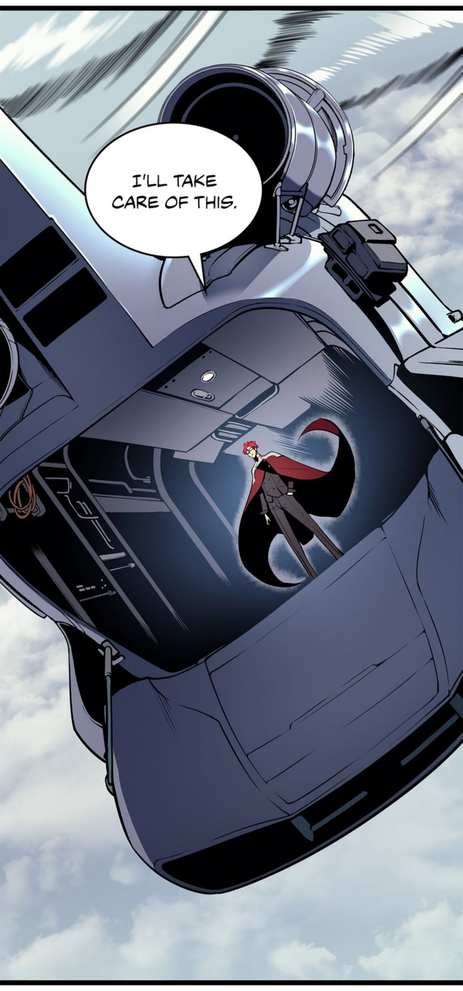
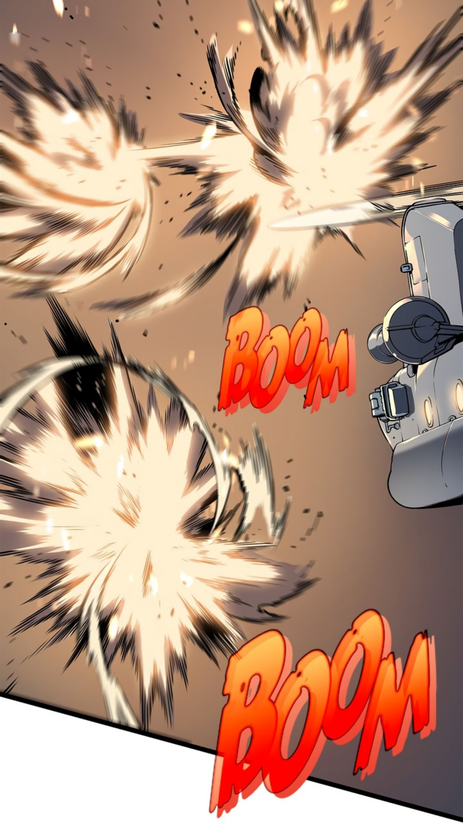

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

FLAME SPEAR

FWOOSH

BOOM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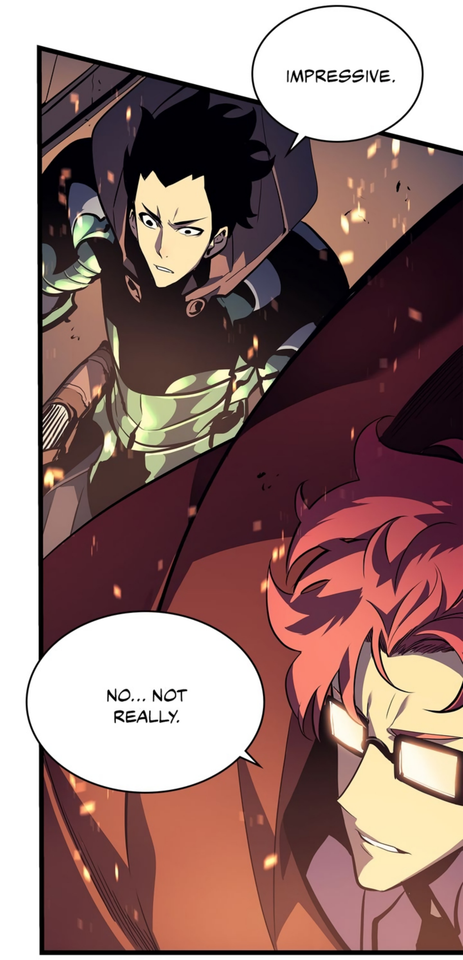
IMPRESSIVE.
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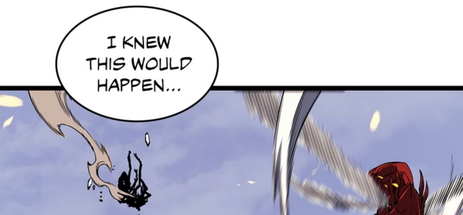

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN...

THIS MUCH FIRE POWER ISN'T ENOUGH TO TAKE THEM DOWN.

THERE MAY BE SOME TURBULENCE, SO HOLD ON TIGHT.

OOSH

THE ANTS HAVE EVOLVED QUITE A LOT. THEY'RE NOT LIKE THEY USED TO BE.

MY FIRE ATTACK WOULD'VE SUFFICED IN AN A-RANK DUNGEON, BUT THESE GUYS HAVE A HIGH RESISTANCE TO MAGIC. I HAVE TO USE GREATER FORCE.

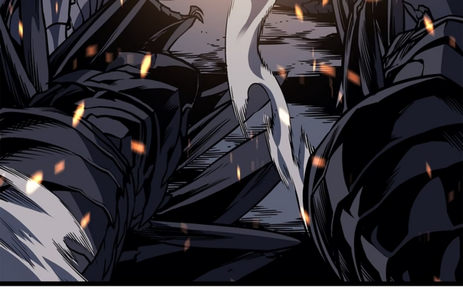
BUT FOR STARTERS, I NEED TO GAUGE HOW STRONG THEY ARE.
UH... HEY, COACH CHOI!

BLAZE

DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE OKAY...?

HE SHOULD BE FINE.

ESPECIALLY SINCE HIS FIRE MAGIC SPECIALIZES IN FIGHTING MULTIPLE OPPONENTS.



FWOOOOSH

ZZZZZ

THE LAST TIME I PLAYED WITH ANTS WAS WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY.
I REMEMBER HEARING FAINT SNAPPING NOISES EVERY TIME I TORCHED AN ANT WITH A LIGHTER...

BOOM
KA BOOM
BOOM

NOW, I HEAR FIREWORKS.

YOU GUYS CAN COME DOWN.

HAHA...

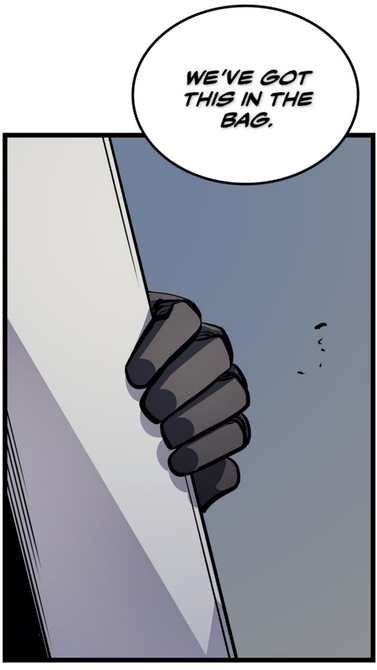
UNLIKE OUR PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS, WE WON'T HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE THIS TIME AROUND.

WE COULD VERY WELL END UP TRAPPED INSIDE THE ANT TUNNELS.

THE JAPANESE HUNTERS CAN ONLY STALL FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

WE MUST DEFEAT THE QUEEN IN THAT TIME FRAME.

IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE JUMP, KEEP IT SHORT.



LET'S GO!

To Be Continued...

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